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C O N F I D E N T I A L STUTTGART 0068

COMMERCE FOR EXCON

E.O. 11652; GDS

TAGS: ESTR, GW

SUBJ: GERMAN INDUSTRIAL ESPIONAGE CASE

REF: STUTTGART 0063; BONN 00883

1. LOCAL OFFICIAL HAS SHOWN CONGEN MATERIAL OBTAINED FROM BUNDES-KRIMINALAMT AND AGREED PERMIT CONGEN REPRODUCE (ONE COPY ONLY) SOME ITEMS. THESE INCLUDE EXTENSIVE INTERROGATION OF HERR WURZINGER, WURZINGER CORRESPONDENCE WITH RUSSIAN AND POLISH CUSTOMERS, AND LETTER FROM FABRI-TEK'S MEMORY PRODUCTS DIVISION, MINNEAPOLIS, TO MR. CHUCK MCVEY OF VANGUARD DATA SYSTEMS (OF WHICH WURZINGER IS VICE PRESIDENT FOR EUROPE). THIS CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL WILL BE AIRPOUCHED TO COMMERCE EXCON ON JANUARY 22.

2. THE INTERROGATION COVERS A LOT OF TERRITORY: SWISS BANK ACCOUNTS, SOVIET POSSESSION OF AN IBM 370-145 AND OTHER EQUIPMENT, WURZINGER'S RELATIONSHIP WITH GROEGER (ONE OF NINE IN DETENTION, ALSO FORMER LORENZ EMPLOYEE), WURZINGER'S TRAVEL TO THE U.S. AND TO THE USSR, ETC. IN LETTERS TO "ELEKTRONORGTECHNIKA", MOSCOW, AND METRONEX-ZOWA, WARSAW, WURZINGER OFFERED THE IBM
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370-145/2 (DOLLARS 1.6 MILLION) AND THE IBM 370-155 SPEEDED UP TO

370-158 (DOLLAR \$ 1.8 MILLION). HIS MOST RECENT LETTER TO ELECTRONORGTECHNIKA WAS DATED JUST BEFORE HIS DECEMBER TRIP TO MOSCOW.

3. LOCAL SOURCE WHO PROVIDED MATERIAL TO CONGEN COMMENTED THAT IT WILL BE DIFFICULT IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE TO PROVE ESPIONAGE CHARGE, BECAUSE CONTACTS OF ACCUSED SEEM TO HAVE BEEN PRINCIPALLY WITH SOVIET TRADE OFFICIALS RATHER THAN WITH KNOWN AGENTS OF FOREIGN POWER. HE SAID THAT OTHER CHARGES AGAINST THE GROUP, HOWEVER, SHOULD BE EASIER TO PROVE. HE ADDED THAT POSSESSION OF CONTRACT NUMBERS MAY RENDER IT EASIER TO CHECK POSSIBILITY OF COLLUSION BETWEEN LORENZ AND WURZINGER ET AL IN OBTAINING IBM EQUIPMENT FOR SOVIETS.

4. OUR SOURCE ASSUMES U.S. OFFICIALS IN BONN WILL ASK FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF PROCEEDINGS. SOURCE REQUESTS THAT IF THIS IS DONE, U.S. OFFICIALS NOT REVEAL THAT THESE EXCERPTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO CONGEN STUTTGART. SOURCE ALSO EXPRESSED DESIRE TO OBTAIN USEFUL RELEVANT INFORMATION THAT MAY BE DEVELOPED BY U. S. AUTHORITIES. JENKINS

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